

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

January 7, 2008
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Denis Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

MARCIE PALMER, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; PETER RENNERT, Facilities Director; GERALD RERECICH, Recreation Director; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; JUDGE TERRY JURADO, Municipal Court; FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS, DEPUTY CHIEF CHUCK DUFFY, DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, Fire Department; COMMANDER DAVID LEIBMAN, COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, and COMMANDER CHARLES MARSALISI, Police Department.

**SWEARING-IN
CEREMONY**

Mayor and Councilmembers

Following his comments regarding how Renton is flourishing and will continue to do so under Mayor Law's leadership, Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna ceremonially administered the oath of office to Denis Law, who was elected to the office of Mayor in November 2007 for a four-year term to expire 12/31/2011.

Following his remarks regarding Renton's outstanding local governance, retired Renton Municipal Court Judge Roger Lewis ceremonially administered the oath of office to incoming Councilmembers Greg Taylor, Position No. 4, and King Parker, Position No. 5, both of whom were elected in November 2007 to four-year terms to expire on 12/31/2011; and to Councilmembers Marcie Palmer, Position No. 3, and Don Persson, Position No. 7, both of whom were re-elected in November 2007 to four-year terms to expire on 12/31/2011.

Mayor Law thanked all of the dedicated supporters and citizens of Renton who provided him with the opportunity to serve as Renton's Mayor. He expressed his appreciation to his family, Attorney General McKenna, and Judge Lewis; and he recognized former Mayor Don Custer, former Mayor Jesse Tanner's wife, Janice Tanner, and former Councilmember Toni Nelson, who were present in the audience. Additionally Mayor Law recognized former Mayor Kathy Keolker's contributions to the Renton community, and he welcomed new Councilmembers Taylor and Parker.

Mayor Law stated that a lot of changes have taken place since Mayor Custer and Judge Lewis served the City, noting the growth in population, The Landing project, and the Seattle Seahawks headquarters. He stressed that Renton is fortunate to have a dedicated City Council and a committed City staff. Mayor Law said he looks forward to working with the Council and community partners towards continuing to improve the quality of life for Renton citizens.

DECLARATION OF VACANCY

Council: Vacancy Declaration & Appointment Process

Mayor Law declared Council Position No. 2 vacant due to the resignation of Councilmember Dan Clawson and acceptance of that resignation by Council at the Council meeting on 12/10/2007. Mayor Law reviewed the steps that must be taken to fill the unexpired, four-year term that expires 12/31/2009, as established per policy 800-10.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL: SET NOON ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008, AS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF LETTERS OF INTEREST TO FILL THE COUNCIL VACANCY, AND SET 4:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008, AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR COUNCIL'S REVIEW AND DEBATE OF THE SUBMITTED MATERIALS DURING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WITH NO PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE TAKEN. CARRIED.

Mayor Law invited all interested qualified persons to submit a letter of interest accompanied by any additional materials outlining interests and qualifications, as well as any letters of support from individuals or organizations, to the City Clerk by noon on January 14.

Council President Palmer assured that the process of choosing a councilmember will be public, and all discussions will be carried out on the floor.

PROCLAMATION

National Mentoring Month - January 2008

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring January 2008 to be "National Mentoring Month" in the City of Renton in tribute to the many dedicated individuals who volunteer their time, compassion, and talents to mentor young people, and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance and to consider giving back to the community as mentors. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED. Erin Iverson, Mentor Program Manager for Communities in Schools of Renton, accepted the proclamation with appreciation.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Martinez - Liberty Annexation, 156th Ave SE & SE 144th St

Mark Martinez (Renton), pointing out that he owns property near the proposed Liberty Annexation area, expressed concern regarding the effect of new development on surface water drainage. He asked that developers currently performing construction in the area and future developers be required to develop under level 3 flow control standards in order to help mitigate the drainage problems.

Citizen Comment: Jaques - Liberty Annexation, 156th Ave SE & SE 144th St

Fred Jaques (King County) recommended that the Liberty Annexation proposal be rejected. He questioned the validity of the signatures on the petition and the time frame. Additionally, Mr. Jaques stated that the annexation does not have logical boundaries, and requested that the petition be restarted.

Citizen Comment: Campbell - Liberty Annexation, 156th Ave SE & SE 144th St

Arthur Campbell (King County) asked that the proposed Liberty Annexation boundary be adjusted so that the area's southern boundary extends along SE 144th St. He indicated that this is a more natural boundary, and makes more sense for police service response.

Responding to Councilmember Corman's inquiry, Mr. Campbell stated that he lives in the area that he is suggesting be part of the annexation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of 12/3/2007	Approval of Council meeting minutes of 12/3/2007, including the correction to the total 2008 Budget amount on page 423, paragraph 8, 1st sentence, which should state \$234,628,924. Council concur.
Council Meeting Minutes of 12/10/2007	Approval of Council meeting minutes of 12/10/2007, including the correction to the total 2008 Budget amount on page 438, paragraph 2, 1st sentence, which should state \$234,628,924. Council concur.
CAG: 07-202, Activity Buildings ADA Upgrades at Philip Arnold & Kennydale Lions Parks, United Pacific Structures	City Clerk reported bid opening on 12/20/2007 for CAG-07-202, Activity Buildings ADA Upgrades at Philip Arnold and Kennydale Lions Parks; two bids; engineer's estimate \$348,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to low bidder, United Pacific Structures, Inc., in the amount of \$363,069. Council concur.
Annexation: Liberty, 156th Ave SE & SE 144th St	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed Liberty Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 1/28/2008 to consider the petition and R-4 zoning; 193 acres located in the vicinity of 156th Ave. SE, SE 144th St., and SE 134th St. Council concur.
EDNSP: 2008 Budget Amendment, Hotel-Motel Fund Transfer	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval to amend the 2008 Budget by transferring funds from the unallocated balance in Fund 110 (Hotel-Motel Fund) for the 2008 Renton Community Marketing Campaign and Renton Visitor's Connection expenses. Council approved the lodging tax allocations on 12/10/2007. Council concur. (See page 7 for ordinance.)
EDNSP: Renton Community Marketing Campaign, Hamilton/Saunderson	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of a contract with Hamilton/Saunderson in the amount of \$219,000 for management of the 2008 Renton Community Marketing Campaign. Contract funded by allocated lodging tax collections and by EDNSP Department business recruitment budget, key stakeholders, and other community agencies, organizations, and businesses. Council concur.
EDNSP: Renton Visitors Connection Tourism Efforts, Chamber of Commerce	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of a contract with the Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$129,000 for the Renton Visitor's Connection 2008 tourism marketing efforts. Contract funded by allocated lodging tax collections. Council concur.
Police: Regional Automated Information Network Interlocal Agreement	Police Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with various law enforcement agencies in King County to participate in the Regional Automated Information Network (RAIN) that coordinates information about criminal activity, offenders, and suspect vehicles across jurisdictional borders. Renton's cost share is \$4,679.50. Council concur. (See page 7 for resolution.)
CAG: 07-178, SR-900/I-405 Vicinity to Harrington Ave NE Signal Modification, WSDOT	Transportation Systems Division requested approval of an amendment to CAG-07-178, contract with Washington State Department of Transportation, for the additional costs related to the SR-900, I-405 vicinity to Harrington Ave. NE, signal modification and raised traffic island project, which increases the contract amount by \$20,000 for an expenditure of \$45,000. Council concur.
Transportation: Houser Way S Railroad Track Crossing	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of two agreements with BNSF Railway Company: a general construction agreement, and a

Improvements, BNSF Railway Company

crossing surface installation agreement in the amount of \$1,000,000; both of which are related to the installation of concrete crossing panels on railroad tracks on Houser Way S. from Main Ave. S. to Burnett Ave. S. Council concur.

Utility: Stonegate II Lift Station Design, Roth Hill Engineering Partners

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement in the amount of \$715,350 with Roth Hill Engineering Partners, LLC for the Stonegate II Lift Station and conveyance design. Council concur.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3924

Police: Regional Automated Information Network Interlocal Agreement

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the interlocal agreement among the participating law enforcement agencies forming a Regional Automated Information Network (RAIN). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for reading and adoption:

EDNSP: 2008 Budget Amendment, Hotel-Motel Fund Transfer

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by transferring \$80,000 from Fund 110 Hotel-Motel account's unallocated fund balance as authorized by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee on 12/10/2007. These funds will be disbursed in part through the 2008 contracts with Hamilton/Saunderson for marketing services for \$219,000, and with Renton Chamber of Commerce for the Renton Visitor's Connection for \$129,000. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/14/2008. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Sullivan - Liberty Annexation, 156th Ave SE & SE 144th St

Jim Sullivan (King County) requested that the proposed Liberty Annexation's southern boundary be adjusted to extend along SE 144th St. in order to include the neighborhood in which he resides in the annexation area.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:48 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
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